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## COUNCIL WOULD MAKE SETTLEMENT FOR BARBER HORSE

Arrears of Taxes To Be Collected  
By Distraint or Suit  
Is Motion

Jas. Barber's claim against the town for the loss of a horse came up before the council on Monday night and caused a split, which could only be patched up by Mayor Flanagan stepping into the breach and deciding the question as to whether it would be better to let the case go to court and fight it, or to offer some kind of a settlement.

The matter came up under the heading of communications, and Aldermen Connolly and Travis moved that the council was prepared to defend the case against any action taken.

This precipitated a discussion regarding "impaction of the bowels," etc., in which Veterinary Dr. Flanagan gave professional and other information, among which was information rather new to the council, to the effect that the animal had been in the pound four or five days.

Chief Cline, however, was certain it had not been there more than four or five hours.

Secretary Rod informed the council that the poundkeeper's books would settle that, and an amendment was made that the matter of Barber to settle the matter out of court. Connolly, Travis and McKee voted to fight the case, while Radford, Milroy and Skerritt voted for a settlement. The tie was broken by Mayor Flanagan declaring that the motion was lost, explaining that while he knew very little about the case yet he would like to see the council make some offer, and if it was not accepted then to go ahead and fight the case.

Skerritt and Radford then moved for a settlement of \$50 being offered to Barber. Connolly moved for an offer of \$25 but this found no supporter. The motion being put Radford, Milroy and Skerritt voted for it, Connolly and Travis against it and McKee declined to vote. The motion for an offer of \$50 therefore carried.

A motion was put through to request the Medical Health Officer to visit the schools once every month.

A list of the town lots belonging to the C. P. R. was handed over to the Finance Committee to go over re taxation.

H. Ford, town auditor wrote the council asking for \$100 for his services for the current year and it was moved by Connolly and Milroy that the position be given him at the increased salary. Alderman Connolly explained that while the council was doing everything in its power to curtail expenses, yet this was a particular job if done properly and was worth the salary asked.

The report of the Finance Committee asked that an effort be made to obtain a line of \$22,500 credit with the Union bank in view of the current taxes; that the fire equipment be insured for \$1,600 and the stable and contents at \$500, and that arrears of taxes be collected by distraint or suit.

The auditor's report with certain recommendations was passed. Among others auditor Ford called the attention of the council to the fact that no depreciation had been allowed off the water and sewer system.

The Finance Committee was authorized to sell the gas adventures at

## ONLY PHOTO OF ARABIC SINKING



This wonderful photograph of the sinking Arabic was taken by Prof. Still of Purdue University while the life boat was drawing away and at a moment when the boats were in danger of being sucked down.

## PRISONERS IN TURKEY

The Canadian Government has received notice from London that the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has been informed by the United States Ambassador, that the Turkish Government desires that in future remittances of money not exceeding five pounds from private persons for British prisoners of war in Turkey should be despatched to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva for transmission to the Ottoman Red Crescent Society at Constantinople by whom payment to the recipients will be effected and a receipt returned to the International Committee at Geneva.

Letters and parcels should also be sent to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva for transmission. Such letters and parcels are not free. Money should be remitted by International Money Order which can be obtained at any post office and which should be payable to the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva and sent on with full name, number and regiment of the prisoner of war to whom the money is to be paid.

Information has also been received from the United States Ambassador that prisoners of war in Turkey are now allowed to write only one letter a week limited to four lines and that this regulation applies also to letters addressed to them. Letters of greater length will not be delivered.

## VALUE OF COW TESTING

To assist dairy farmers who desire to test cows for milk production the Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner at Ottawa has loaned for public distribution a pamphlet entitled "Cow Testing Notes," designated Circular No. 10, 10 c. & 8. series. The pamphlet shows the necessary equipment as spring scales, box of sample bottles, dipper, etc., and tells the cost of each and where the outfit may be secured as well as the purpose and method of use of each.

The Department of Agriculture through the Dairy and Cold Storage Branch helps farmers to test their cows. In July 1915 the equipment as spring scales, box of sample bottles, dipper, etc., and tells the cost of each and where the outfit may be secured as well as the purpose and method of use of each.

"Cow testing not only produced better cows but more interested and better dairymen."

"With each cow's record before him the dairyman is able to feed more intelligently. Meat in proportion is a good motto."

"The figures of a creamery statement"

At Waza Mills, Que., where that from herd of twelve cows in 1912, the cash received by the owner was \$297.85. In 1914 from twelve cows he received \$804.48. He discovered the year-cow and got rid of them.

At Malvern, Ont., a herd of twelve cows increased from 2,728 pounds of milk per cow in 1910 to 7,266 pounds per cow in 1914; this is an increase of 3,538 pounds of milk per cow, or 98 per cent.

In Hastings county, Ont., a farmer commenced cow testing in 1912 and found his herd of ten cows averaged 5,780 pounds of milk or 187 pounds of fat. In 1914 his ten cows averaged 7,430 pounds of milk and 284 pounds of fat, an increase of 1,650 pounds of milk and 67 pounds of fat in two years.

This pamphlet is available at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

## MEDALS FOR SCHOLARS

Early in the year 1915 the Department of Education announced a competition to be conducted in connection with the Public School Leaving examinations, whereby a bronze medal donated by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, was to be awarded to the candidate in each inspecting division who obtained the highest marks at the departmental Public School Leaving examinations. The competition aroused keen interest, and the appreciation of the successful candidate was evidenced by the largeness of the written acknowledgments made by the recipients. These letters were forwarded to H. R. H. the Governor-General who expressed his gratification at the success which attended the competition and graciously expressed his desire to donate medals for a similar competition for 1916.

The banks upon which the medals will be awarded will be the departmental Public School Leaving examinations to be held in June next. One medal will be awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest marks in each of the nine-tenths inspecting districts except in the cases of the Calgary and Edmonton districts where the larger centres of population exist and in these districts two medals will be awarded.

E. F. Purcell has been elected an alderman for Brooks.

Alex Flanagan returned this week to his home across the river after visiting for several weeks with relatives down east.

Luther and John Spencer were acquitted on Thursday last on a charge of grain stealing. John S. Major appeared for the defendants.

## SPECIAL RED CROSS DAY

Leap Year Day, Feb. 29, will be recognized throughout the province of Alberta as special Red Cross day upon which extra efforts will be made towards increasing the funds of the Red Cross Society. This was decided at a meeting held in the Red Cross provincial head office, Calgary, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, when representatives from Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Calgary were present, and at which, His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor presided.

It is believed that the public will desire to recognize Leap Year day in some special form this year and it is thought that this could not be better done than by using it for the benefit of the Red Cross work. The needs of the Red Cross are greater now than at any time since the war began, and may be expected to grow as the months pass by. Notwithstanding the great generosity of the public in the past, still further efforts are necessary in the future in order that the work may be adequately maintained.

At the meeting a proposal, originated by Mr. Galt, of Edmonton, was presented, providing for a special sale by all the merchants throughout the province on Leap Year day, a percentage of the gross sales to be donated to the Red Cross. This scheme has already been started in Edmonton and the surrounding district and has been enthusiastically received, the merchants believing that the extra purchasing of the day will compensate them for the percentage given. The meeting on Wednesday night decided to sanction this scheme for each locality as desired to introduce it, with the definite understanding that it is not to be carried out in any community where the local branch might object, it being felt that in certain places the regular methods of subscription might be interfered with. This, however, was left as a matter of local judgment, and the general leaflet was forwarded.

## BASSANO COLONY

E. Stepp returned from a business trip to Denver last Friday. It is reported a pleasant time was had.

Spring Creek mine has been well patronized by the inhabitants of this section lately.

Bill Parrott says it hasn't been cold at all, at all this winter—that the northward trip has a pleasant heating effect on young blood, and the south trip is nothing.

Three sets of hob sleighs to forty horses is rather tough on the bunch out here, and it almost is the cause of a family riot to try to get the use of the runners.

Sparking of cold weather and runners! They say that mercury freezes at 39.5, alcohol at 26.2, but how cold must it be to freeze Dave Laughlin's chin?

The Gem Literary Society has a big attendance and incidentally a lot of rivalry, but they all have to sit up for the Irish Kid.

Danee Rummor has it that Cline Fryberger and Billy Parrott are soon to go to the trenches.

Frank Rumble's engine is going overtime these days grinding feed for the C. P. R.

Did Mrs. King say it was cold week?

W. J. Yoo returned from the east this week.

A new post office has been opened at Millicent. E. F. Purcell has been appointed post master.

Valentine's day will be on Monday next, February 14th, and all the youngsters are looking forward to the day for receiving the comic caricatures. Some of the oldest folks will also welcome the day.

Bennie Gray was in town over the week end looking up his old friends.

## OUR QUERY COLUMN

Can you tell me who the young lady is that found the poetry?

Will the editor get any valentines this year in the shape of renewed subscriptions?

Who was the young lady that got kissed on the platform yesterday?

Are the Indians too bow legged to play lacrosse?

## SOCIETY ITEM

A number of the elite of the town gathered outside the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Travis (newlyweds) on Thursday night last and succeeded in making so much noise that Dick, who had previously said into a very secluded and exclusive hiding place, was lured out and invited the rioters in.

Then the newlyweds proceeded to tear up the carpets, prepare choice viands and otherwise treat the mutineers so well that they almost regretted their prior malicious intent and settled down to a peaceful and joyous evening of dancing and feasting.

So happy and accommodating were the young couple that W. A. Smith in anticipation became so happy and "hot up" that he slid off the railing of the veranda backwards and wallowed in the snow bank.

The editor regrets very much that owing to a previous appointment with his old friend Shakespeare he was unable to join in the musing.

Mr. and Mrs. Brimble have arrived back from Rochester, Minnesota, where Mr. Brimble had been undergoing treatment for his injured leg. He is now very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole of the Chicago ranch, have returned from an extended visit to Chicago, where Mr. Poole underwent all night operation.

The editor this morning received a post card from H. S. Cross who recently joined the Imperial Mechanical Transports and has safely arrived at Plymouth, England. He sends his regard to all friends in Bassano.

Six reels, Saturday special at the Gem theatre. Children 5 cents.

A resolution was passed at the recent schoolboard meeting as follows: "After the present supply of scribes is exhausted the parents of scholars be required to supply them."

The auditors' report and full minutes of the meeting will be published next week.

On sale at McKee & Barry's cologne, head lettuce, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, grape fruit, cranberries, parsnips. In splendid condition.

Quite a large crowd attended the Gem theatre last night to see "With-in The Law." It was one of the best plays ever put on in town, and the company was excellent. A return visit will be eagerly looked for.

Albert Biggs of Hutton went through to Calgary the other day and signed up with the 137th.

## RECRUITING IS UNDER WAY FOR 137th BATTALION

Farming Communities Are Asked  
To Send Their Physically Fit  
Men For Service

Despite the number of men the rural districts of Alberta have patriotically contributed to the cause, every part is loyally responding to the call to arms and finding more and more men.

The district of High River which has sent forward 200 from the town alone is pluckily straining every nerve to raise another hundred men for the 137th battalion being raised for the 137th Battalion in the Calgary district. Already over thirty of these have been signed up, Drumheller, Hanna and district have contributed enough men to the 137th to form a whole platoon. The other portions of the district in which the 137th are being recruited, are doing equally well.

But still the cry is for more.

The 137th after an active four weeks recruiting is still in need of several hundred more men to bring it up to full strength. The backbone of the organization to date is the farmers who have loyally responded, and who have flocked into the city and the recruiting offices opened at Drumheller and High River. Some have left their farms in care of elderly men who cannot fulfil the physical requirements, although encouraged to stay at home by one of the best crops ever known in Alberta, have cheerfully given up immediate comforts to undertake their share.

The story of the Pendle family of father and three sons who flocked from Mounds to Oids over thirty miles in a raging blizzard with the thermometer ranging round thirty below for the simple purpose of enlisting, is now famous.

The farmers are undoubtedly doing their "bit" and what is more those who are coming forward, after a few weeks training are proving second to none as promising fighting material.

Most comfortable barracks are being equipped to accommodate the 137th. The well-known Fryer-Jones departmental building right at the heart of things at the corner of 1st Street West and 12th Avenue has been taken over by the government for that particular purpose. No money is being spared to make it as fine a barracks as there is in the west.

Recruiting offices are being opened at various other points, and this week Captain H. W. Wiley accompanied by Lieut. Ritchie will be at Bassano where they will locate for an indefinite period.

The wedding took place in the parlor of the Hunter hotel last night at 8 o'clock of L. V. Oskertik and Miss Lillian Blankinship, both of Favor. Rev. D. G. Schofield officiated.

Preparations are being made for the opening of the Bon Ton cafe on Railroad avenue.

Geo. McKee, brother of A. McKee, has joined the 175th at Medicine Hat.

Jas Robinson of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co., at Daiches, was a visitor to town yesterday.





# OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF DEEP WATERS

REPORTED TO BE NEW, FAST TYPE OF AUXILIARY

Captured British Shippers say That the Raider is a Brand New Ship, Heavily Armed, and Disguised as a Merchantman, so That It Deceives Unsuspecting Victims

Old Point Comfort, Va.—Versions of the identity of the German raider which captured the Spanish and other craft, and which, after a brief stay at the German embassy at Washington, sailed for the German coast, have been reported by British shipbuilders at the end of the month of January, 1915.

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# ENEMY READY FOR MARCH ON SALONIKI

German, Bulgarian and Turk Forces Concentrate Along the Greek

London.—The concentration of German, Bulgarian and Turk forces along the Greek border has been reported by the British government.

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# Saloniki Had Busy Time

Zeppelin Raid Fired Warnings, Destroyed Mosque and Killed Many People

London.—The city of Saloniki, in Macedonia, has been the scene of a busy time since the arrival of the German forces.

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# Kept Rooled Cais in Canada

Embargo on Shipments to U.S. Is Enforced by Railways at Calgary

Calgary.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has enforced an embargo on shipments to the United States.

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# Worried Over the Appam

Washington Views the Case as a Very Complicated Problem

Washington.—The Appam case has become a very complicated problem for the United States government.

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# Four More Pioneer Regiments for Front

Estimated One Such Regiment Will be Attached to Each Canadian Division at Front

Ottawa.—The Canadian government has decided to send four more pioneer regiments to the front.

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P. W. STONE, Editor

"This is a good grocery town," was the remark of one man in town last week in discussing our article of last issue regarding the grocery mail order business, "and I can get everything I need right here and at good prices."

This man who is a particular sort of a fellow and doesn't starve himself by any means, voiced the opinion of many another on that question.

Bassano is as good a grocery town as there is in the West and its prices can compare with the large catalogue firms. Even if it were not so and the price might be a shade higher on account of freight or buying in smaller quantities, it is good policy for every person to trade at home to the extent of every dollar he possibly can. A dollar sent out of town to the mail order houses is put out of circulation forever as far as the town is concerned and it cannot help but be felt, especially in these times when money is so scarce.

Then again it is possible that some day you may need a little credit, possibly you will require to ask the grocery man to carry you along until such time as you have the ready money. You wouldn't ask the mail order man to do this and he wouldn't do it if you did ask him.

Then why not deal with the merchants who accommodate you when you need it and who can give you just as good service as the man in the city.

"Trade at home is a good motto, almost equally as good as "Made in Canada."

It does seem rather strange that the town finance committee of past years should have been so near sighted as to apparently have overlooked the matter of a depreciation fund in the water and sewer systems, and the fact that this omission was called to the attention of the council by Auditor Ford is evidence that a good auditor can sometimes make suggestions that might prove invaluable to the town in many ways. The mere matter of a raise of \$25 in the salary is as nothing to one little piece of advice at times.

True, we admit that the Finance committee of the past years did remarkably well with a tough job on their hands, and while the work of this year will probably be a little easier there is, however, a vast amount of work for that committee to be done, and work that none but public-spirited gentlemen would assume gratuitously, but it seems that this matter should not have been.

Even supposing the town grows no more, it is safe to assume that in the thirty years during which the debentures have to run the system will depreciate considerably and it perhaps would not be too much to assume that in that thirty years they will be practically useless and will need replacing.

The depreciation fund accumulating in the thirty years will do the job, and Auditor Ford's suggestion is a good one. Here it is—

"No depreciation has been allowed off the water and sewer system as no definite basis for such has been decided on by the council. This matter should receive immediate attention."

The gas committee has been appointed again for this year, and it is safe to presume that as soon as the weather opens up work will be commenced on drilling again. If gas is secured in sufficient quantities we won't give a hang for the coal man or the coal Indians next winter.

Recruiting officers of the 137th Battalion will be in town some time this week to round up the eligibles for service.

# Mail Ads Pay

## Buy an Irrigated Farm from The Canadian Pacific Railway.

**BECAUSE:** Irrigation makes the farmer independent of rain fall, and insures good crops, not occasionally but EVERY YEAR.

Irrigation makes possible the successful culture of alfalfa, the king of fodders, which insures best returns in dairying and mixed farming. Irrigation means intensive farming and close settlement, with all the advantages of a densely populated agricultural community. Irrigation in the Canadian Pacific Railway Irrigation Block is no longer an experiment, the year 1914 having absolutely demonstrated its success wherever intelligently applied.

You can buy irrigated land from the Canadian Pacific Railway at prices ranging from \$25 to \$75 per acre, with twenty years to pay, and the privilege of a loan of \$2000 for improvements (6% interest); no principal payment at the end of first and second year and no water rental for first year. Assistance is also given in supplying stock in approved instances. This is the most liberal offer of irrigated farm on record. Get full particulars from—

**ALLAN CAMERON, Gen. Supt. of Lands**  
DESK 33  
Department of Natural Resources, C.P.R.  
CALGARY, ALBERTA.

## WANTED TO REPAIR

Boots, Shoes, Harness and Saddles. Trunks, Suit Cases and Gloves FOR SALE, Also Blankets, Robes, Collars and Second-Hand Saddles.

Clark Carbon, King of Heaters For Sale

## Bassano Harness Co., Limited

## A BURNING QUESTION

And a New Line of  
**GALT NUT COAL**, Per Ton \$5.00  
For Cook Stoves and Furnaces.

**ATLAS LUMBER CO., Ltd.**  
Sole Agents for the celebrated Galt Coal  
HARRY FORD, Manager

## SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory and a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of five cents per acre. Not more than 2,500 acres will be leased to one applicant. Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agent), on certain conditions. The lease must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unreserved territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself. Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton. The persons operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year. The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre. For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of the Dominion Lands.

**W. W. CORY,**  
Deputy Minister of the Interior.  
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—5872.

**W. W. CORY, C.M.G.,**  
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.  
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—6438.

## Business Cards

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M.B. Toronto; M.C.P.S. Alberta  
**PHYSICIAN**  
and **SURGEON**  
PHONE - Office 97 - Resident 121

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Funeral Director and Embalmer  
Service Day or Night  
Bassano Furniture Store, 3 Ave.

**E. L. SKERRITT**  
Contractor and ulder  
Estimates Given Plans Prepared  
Mill Work Rip Sawing Planing  
Job Work promptly Attended to  
Phone 143 Corner 2d and 5th Ave

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ROBERT MCLEOD

OFFICES: 15 Alexander Corner,  
BASSANO, CALGARY, ALBERTA

## Bassano PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services—11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.

## CHURCH of THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Corner 5th Avenue and 5th Street  
Service every Sunday at 7:30  
Celebration of Holy Communion  
1st Sunday in every month.  
Rev. D.G. SCHORFIELD, M.A. Vicar

**Bassano Lodge**  
No. 55  
A. F. & A. M.  
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday Each Month.  
Visiting Brethren and guests welcome.  
JAS. JOHNSON, W. M., TRAVIS, Sec.

## BASSANO LODGE No. 59 I.O.O.F.

Meets every Thursday evening in the Masonic Hall. All members of the order are invited to visit with us.  
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